



## Rev. Tommie Jackson

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Dr. Tommie Jackson was born in Baltimore, Maryland from the union of the late Thomas and Lerline Jackson. He was the third of six children born from their union, and their first son. Dr. Jackson was raised in Baltimore City and was a product of the Baltimore Public School System. During his early school years, Dr. Jackson had teachers and mentors that believed in Black Excellence and instilled in him the value of education. Dr. Jackson graduated from Baltimore City College High School and went on to attend the prestigious Morehouse University in Atlanta, Georgia. Dr. Jackson completed his first two years of his undergraduate education at Morehouse, and subsequently transferred to the University of Maryland, Baltimore County. There he would complete his undergraduate degree, and meet his soon to be wife, and life partner, Dorye Michelle Emory.

Tommie Jackson and Dorye Michelle Emory were married in June 1977. Shortly after they married, the Jacksons moved to Houston, Texas where Dr. Jackson attended Texas Southern University in pursuit of his Juris Doctor. The Jacksons would later return to Baltimore, Maryland where Dr. Jackson completed law school at the University of Maryland Law School. Dr. Jackson

was adamant about social justice, equity and inclusion. While in Maryland, Dr. Jackson worked for the City Government in various capacities serving as an advocate and change agent for the people.

In November 1981, Tommie and Dorye Jackson welcomed their first child to the world, a daughter, Erin Marie. In January 1986, Tommie and Dorye welcomed their second child to the world, a daughter, Evinn Leigh. Dr. Jackson's daughters would become two of his proudest accomplishments.

While Dr. Jackson was passionate about social justice, his passion for the Lord was always primary. He knew he was called to preach the gospel of Jesus Christ.

In 1987 Dr. Jackson answered the call to ministry. He continued with the theme of Black Excellence, and was mentored in ministry under the guidance of the late Dr. Harold A. Carter Sr. Under Dr. Carter's mentorship, Dr. Jackson learned some of his core values of pastoring and leading God's chosen ones.

Dr. Jackson answered his first call to Pastorship in 1990, at Calvary Baptist Church in Chester, Pennsylvania. While at Calvary, Dr. Jackson touched the lives of the congregation he served and the community. He continued his involvement in politics while there and stood in the gap whenever he could for those in need, following God's word and making lifelong friendships along the way.

Dr. Jackson's tenacity for God's work and his willingness to follow God's leadership brought him to Stamford, Connecticut in 1997, where he answered his second calling to Pastorship at Faith Tabernacle Missionary Baptist Church. For 20 years, Dr. Jackson served as the Pastor of Faith Tabernacle. During his tenure at Faith, Dr. Jackson spearheaded numerous projects for the expansion of God's kingdom including adding the addition of a chapel,

classrooms, and a library. Dr. Jackson continued to serve the Stamford community while at Faith Tabernacle with a weekly food bank in an effort to reduce hunger in the community and held annual “back to school” drives for children and families to be equipped with supplies to support educational pursuits. Dr. Jackson was a proponent of education and took the time on a quarterly basis to honor students in the congregation and in the community for academic excellence. Dr. Jackson served as a spiritual advisor and mentor for the congregation and for the community. He held a mid-week “Hour of Power Service” that was open to the community. Dr. Jackson’s vision for this space was to bridge the gap for people to not have to wait for Sunday to commune with the Lord.

While pastoring at Faith, Dr. Jackson continued the spirit of Black Excellence, earning his second doctorate in Theology from New York Theological Seminary. Not only was he a proponent for education, he also enjoyed teaching, and upon completing his doctorate degree at New York Theological Seminary, he went on to become part of the faculty, leading, guiding and mentoring upcoming soldiers for the army of the Lord. In addition to his service at Faith Tabernacle Missionary Baptist Church and at New York Theological Seminary, he was involved in politics at the local and state level, developing a comradery with many high elected officials, and at times, advising, assisting and campaigning for candidates whose messages he believed would serve and better the community he loved. Dr. Jackson most recently worked for the City of Stamford as the Assistant Director of Urban Redevelopment Commission. Here he continued to serve as an advocate, leader and mentor.

In 2017, Dr. Jackson Founded the Rehoboth Fellowship Church. Dr. Jackson was diligent in fostering this ministry and desired Rehoboth to be a place God made for everyone. He absolutely loved his Rehoboth family and was always

thinking of ways to expand the ministry to bring more people to Christ. Dr. Jackson had an insurmountable amount of respect and appreciation for the leadership at Rehoboth and its members, referencing his “team of warriors” on a daily basis.

Dr. Jackson was a major figure in the lives of many. He was a husband, a father, a grandfather (Buddy), a pastor, an advocate, an educator, a mentor, a friend and lived for his calling as a servant of the Lord.

Dr. Jackson’s legacies in ministry, in politics, in social justice, in friendship and family are ones that will never be forgotten. This amazing man of God leaves to cherish and celebrate his life and legacy his wife of 46 years, Dorye Emory Jackson, his two daughters, Erin Marie Jackson and Evinn Leigh Jackson-Townes, two granddaughters, his “Dream Girls,” Norah Grace Townes, and Emory Donette Jackson, three sisters, Cynthia Jackson, Paulette Jackson, and Veronica Jackson, a niece, Kristin Goode (Mckenzie Goode, Madison Goode, and Mason Goode), Sister in Law Mia Whittington Johnson, nephew Dorian Whittington-Forbes and a host of friends, colleagues and partners and ministry that he viewed as family.

A memorial service will be held on Friday August 4th, 2023 at Union Baptist Church, 805 Newfield Ave., Stamford, CT. Visitation 10:00AM - 12:00PM followed by a service of celebration at 12:00PM. Interment will be private.

# Cemetery Details

**Private**

# Tribute Wall

JH

“ *Rev. Tommie Jackson you are already missed, a void here on earth never to be filled. You walked me and my family through one of the darkest times of our lives, the death of our beloved brother Willie A. Asberry. You will always have a place in my heart for the compassion and love you shared. My condolences and prayers go forth for the Jackson Family, may God's presence and the fond memories of Rev., Dr. Tommie Jackson comfort and keep you all. God Bless!*



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**James O. Homer** - August 04, 2023 at 12:51 AM

DJ

“ *I always admired how he remembered everyone by name. He baptized my son and it was glorious. My love and prayers to the family*

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**daiva jones** - August 03, 2023 at 09:07 PM

WS

“ *To the family, Our family prays that God grants you and the childrens all comfort in your time of sorrow and strength in the future. Rev.Jackson loved the Lord and we know that he's prayer will continue to surround you now and forevermore. Deacon and Deaconess DuPree*



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**William Dupree Sr.** - August 03, 2023 at 08:02 PM

DL

“ I met Rev Jackson quite a few years ago and honestly, I have never met a more compassionate person in my life. He was kind, very easy to talk to and I appreciated all of his advise. I am thankful I had the opportunity to meet him. My condolences to his family and church members. He may be gone in the natural, but his spirit will live on forever



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**Donna Lee-Reid** - August 03, 2023 at 03:51 PM

DA

“ To Sister Dorye, Erin, Evinn and the Jackson family, words cannot express the impact of the loss of the Rev Dr. Tommie Jackson. He was as large as life, he is a legend in his own time. There are so many ways to describe him but I will Sat that he was heaven sent. We are all much better having had him in our lives. I will forever be grateful to you his family for sharing him with us. Keeping all of us that love him lifted in prayer. You are and will always be my church family. With Big Hugs and Love!!!



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**Donna L. Aekins** - August 03, 2023 at 12:04 PM

BA

“ To all who mourn for Rev. Dr. Tommie Jackson, the Officers and Board of the Baltimore City College Alumni Association extend their condolences.

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**Baltimore City College Alumni Associatio** - August 03, 2023 at 11:31 AM

JF

“ Sending our deepest sympathy and prayers to Sister Dorye, Erin, Evinn, the granddaughters and the entire Jackson family. Pastor Jackson was a great person, Pastor, friend and boss. He was always willing to help and was always standing for Jesus. I am glad to call him my Pastor and friend. Rest in Power Pastor Jackson, you will be greatly missed, but never forgotten. Love and peace,  
Joanne Fields and family

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**Joanne Fields** - August 03, 2023 at 10:23 AM



“ Sister Dory and family: Tye and I send heartfelt condolences to you. We share in your grief and shock at this tragic loss of beloved Rev. Tommie. We are honored that Rev. Tommie jokingly cited us as his distance cousins. You know Miss Polly adored Rev. Tommie, oftentimes treating him like a son. I had to remind her that he is your pastor.

We are here in DC but with you in prayer. Your distance cousins,  
Tye Jackson and Patricia Williams Jackson



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**Patricia Dugueye** - August 03, 2023 at 07:51 AM

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“ *To the Jackson Family  
Dr Jackson was an amazing person he was one of the warmest and kindness person one could have known. He has been like a family member of the years. My prayers are with you Doyre, Erin, Evinn Nora and Emory may God continue strengthen you during this time and the days to come*



Naomi and Maurice Taylor - August 02, 2023 at 07:24 PM

JF

*Dr Jackson was an amazing person. He was a warm, kinder person one could have ever known. He was always willing to give advice and assist in projects of my undertaking while I was attending Faith. My prayers are with you Doyre, Erin, Evinn, and the family as a whole. May God continue to strengthen you all during this time and in the coming days ahead. God is and always will be the strength of your joy and life.*

Jane Foster - August 03, 2023 at 02:18 AM

MH

“ *My condolences to the Jackson family. I remember all the good times we had a faith. You will be missed. You were a peoples person. Heaven will never be the same. Praying 🙏.*

Minnie Henderson Henderson - August 02, 2023 at 02:51 PM

JP

“ *To First lady Dorye Jackson and Family. I give my condolences to you all. Rev Jackson was a good man who loved the Lord and his family and the community. He will be greatly missed by all. May he rest in the Golden Gates in Heaven God Bless and comfort you all. Love Joy Poteau.*

Joy Poteau - August 02, 2023 at 12:44 PM

RC

“ *Pastor Jackson was truly a man of the people. He will be missed by so many - near and far. My prayer is that God will give comfort and healing to his wife Dorye, his children and grandchildren, along with his entire family and church family and the community who he assisted in so many ways. Peace and love to all who were touched and loved by Pastor Jackson.*



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**Robin Coleman-Cannon** - August 02, 2023 at 12:18 PM

DH

“ *Met Rev. Jackson at faith. Never met anyone with a memory like his. Will miss seeing him at the Gov. Center. Blessings and Peace to his family. Debra Hines*

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**Debra M Hines** - August 02, 2023 at 10:57 AM

DJ

“ *Sister Dorye and the Jackson Family Please accept my heartfelt condolences on the passing of your/our beloved Pastor Tommie Jackson. My prayer is that the Lord will continue to bless and comfort you all during this difficult time.*



*With Peace, Light & Love  
Deneen Jones & Family*

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**Deneen Jones** - August 02, 2023 at 10:53 AM